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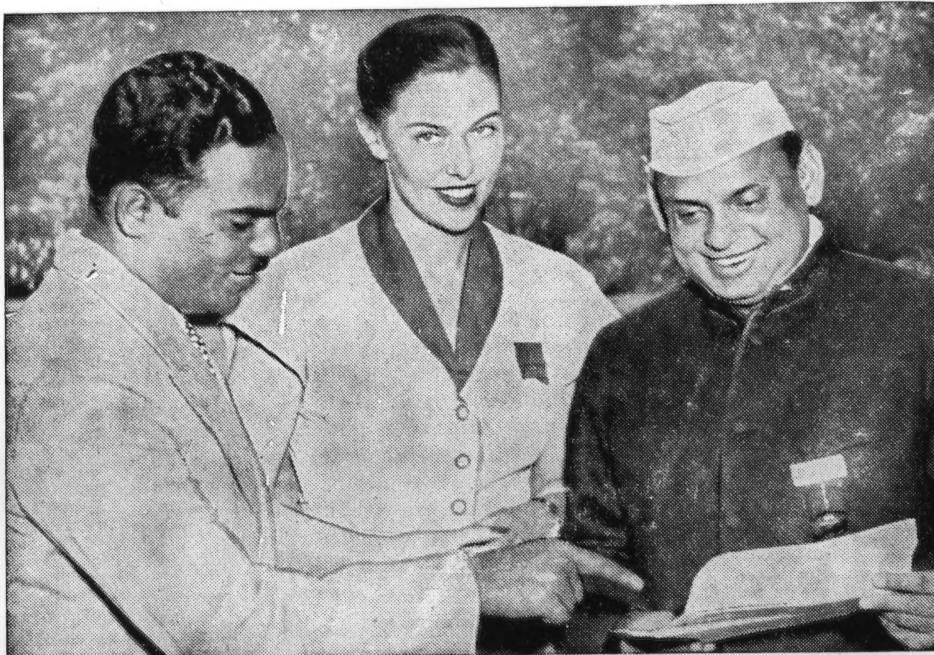
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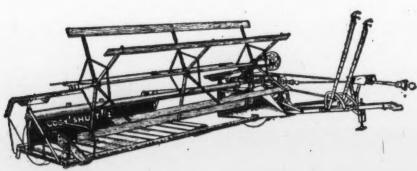
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Delegates from Distant Lands Attend World Farm Conference



Sessions of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers concluded last Saturday in Guelph, Ont., and many of the delegates are now touring Western Canada. They have visited farms in Southern Alberta, the program providing for a Stampede at Nanton. In the upper picture Mrs. Elaine Viton of Washington is seen chatting with J. S. Cowdari (left) and M. P. Sinha, both from India. In the lower picture, R. B. Tennent of New Zealand, turns the tables on information clerks Misses Jean Wright and Evelyn Renaud, Toronto. Instead of seeking information he tells them about his country.

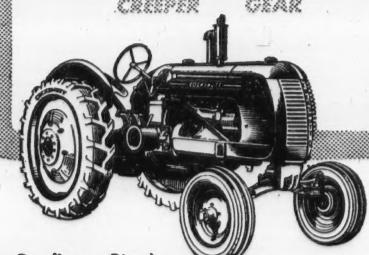
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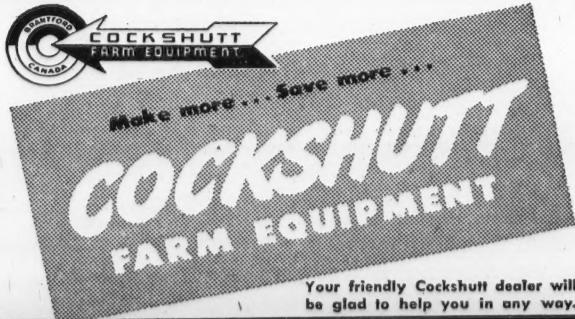
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Veterinary Questions and Answers

By DR. S. H. McCLELLAND

Paid-up subscribers to THE WESTERN FARM LEADER are entitled to submit questions to be answered without cost to them in this column. The subscription is \$1 per annum, \$1.50 for two years and \$2 for three years.

Holding Flesh and Hair Gloss

A. W. H. Rosalind — I was talking with a neighbor about my stock and he told me The Western Farm Leader offered free veterinary advice as a premium. As my paper is paid up for some time, I thought I would write you. I would like to know what I should feed my cows to make them hold a bit of flesh and the hair to look shiny. The hair does not have a gloss. The cows get a gallon of chop twice a day and all the green slough hay they will eat. They milk pretty fair, but have not held meat like I would like. Also the calves have ringworm. I have treated them with used oil, but it does not seem to help. If it is a vitamin that the cows need, would you please let me know what kind?

Ans. — It might be that the roughage that you are feeding has something to do with the condition of your cattle. All animals require a certain amount of bulk or roughage in the diet for normal digestive functions, but this requirement is much higher for the ruminant than for the non-ruminant. There is evidence to indicate that without a sufficient amount of roughage the bacterial action in the rumen of the dairy cow is disrupted. There are also indications that the quality or kind of roughage is also important in its influence on rumen functions. It is possible that this may be why the cow cannot survive indefinitely without roughage.

It is conceivable but not yet established that the bacterial action in the rumen may be the only source of some of the essential factors for well being of the ruminant, and that when the roughage is lacking in quantity or quality, or both, the normal function of the rumen is disturbed.

Cows will live only about one year on grain alone (no roughage). They will live and remain in good health for many years on hay alone.

Cows can be kept for many years in good health and near maximum milk production on rations of grain and hay alone without pasture or other green or succulent food. In order to do this, it is necessary to pay particular attention to the kind of hay fed. Hay varies greatly in the quantity of various important chemical compounds that it contains. If it is necessary to get along with only one kind of hay, it would be much better to use legume hay than grass hay. Legume hay contains more of almost every chemical compound necessary for nutrition than does grass hay. It has been shown that cows will not eat as much hay or thrive as well on either legume hay or grass hay alone as they will on a combination of the two.

I am mailing you something for the ringworm on your calves.

Re Swollen Fetlock and Pasture

C. E., Cowley (Ans.) — It is rather difficult to say what was the cause of the lameness in your bull. It could be strain on the tendons. Then we have cases of foot-rot that produce symptoms very similar to those which you describe. Some bulls will show lameness when there is a mineral deficiency.

It could be that your bull would be all right for another breeding season. You could try giving him a tablespoonful of steamed bone meal on grain morning and night.

Malignant Oedema

J.B., Irma — I lost some calves with malignant oedema. I would like to know if there is a vaccine which will prevent this disease?

Ans. — There is a vaccine which will prevent malignant oedema.

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WORLD HUMANITARIAN VISION INSPIRES AIM OF IFAP

CANADA WILL PLAY HER FULL PART IN TASKS OF FUTURE

If Through FAO and Producers' Organizations Can Be Brought Into Practical Form

ACCEPT CANADA'S PLAN

Some of Recommendations of World Farm Conference Pointing to Practical Results

By M. McDougall, Press Gallery (Special to The Western Farm Leader)

OTTAWA, June 15th.—The general objectives of the IFAP, which recently closed its third Conference at Guelph, Ontario, may in some degree still lack coherent form, but if this is so, it is because of the great scope of these aims. Whether it is possible for years to come to carry out the great humanitarian vision of the leaders in the movement, every step forward must mean something in the history of mankind.

Canada to Play Full Part

It may be difficult to see how Canada, even with such a large proportion of its 13 million people engaged in agriculture or in industries directly connected with it, could assume the part apparently ultimately projected for it in the tremendous task of distributing food to the underfed sections of the world and gradually raising the standards of food production and of living. At the same time, if through FAO and the producers' organization the task can be brought into some practical form, there is no doubt that Canada will play its full part.

To Maintain at Economic Levels

The Canadian people will also watch with sympathetic interest the efforts of the agricultural representatives from various countries in the International Federation of Agricultural Producers to form co-operative agencies in their respective countries to ensure that the food products are kept at economic levels, and to develop a general marketing plan through international commodity agreements.

Canadians undoubtedly approve the choice of H. H. Hannam as President of IFAP. In the ten years that he has been President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, Mr. Hannam has gained the confidence of those with whom he has been associated in Ottawa, and without doubt this confidence is shared with the great majority of the farmers of this country.

Point Way to Practical Results

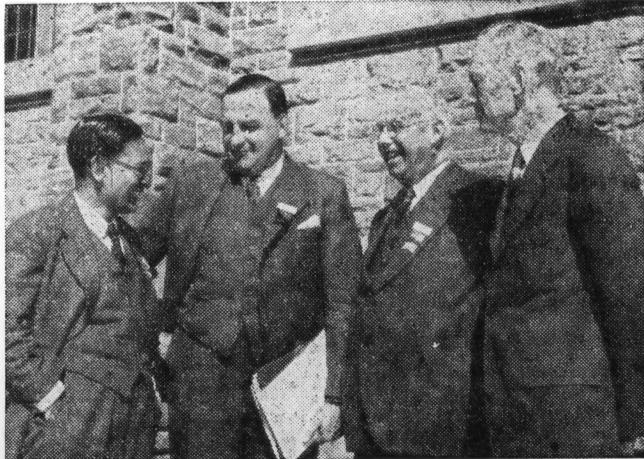
Among the recommendations of the conference that seem to point the way to ultimate practical results are these:

(1) That there should be a determined effort by IFAP and FAO to secure intergovernmental commodity agreements, similar to the International Wheat Agreement, for the distribution of surpluses to peoples needing them. The Canadian plan recommended by the Conference would deal with immediate surpluses. It called

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World Farmers Elect Canadian Head

East and West Confer at Guelph Informally



Engaged between sessions in genial conversation on the grounds of the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph, the cameraman found this little group. The Japanese delegate to the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, Keiki Owada, is seen (left) greeting Sir James Turner, the retiring President of IFAP, Dr. William Reek, President of the College, and Dr. G. S. H. Barton, Special Assistant to the Canadian Minister of Agriculture.

Dates of F.U.A. District Conventions

In spite of organizational work now going on and the district conventions that are being held, memberships are still coming in, writes R. J. Boutilier, secretary-treasurer of the Farmers' Union of Alberta, in a letter received just before this issue went to press.

Announcement is made by Mr. Boutilier of district conventions, which will be attended by President Stimpfle and by Mrs. Lowe, President of the F.W.U.A. Dates are given below, the first numbers in each case representing the various districts.

No. 11, June 13th, at Hanna.
No. 13, June 17th, at Bassano.
No. 3, June 20th, at Clyde.
No. 5, June 25th, at Morinville.
No. 10, June 28th, at Olds.
No. 9, June 29th, at Wetaskiwin.
No. 7, July 4th, at Vermilion.
No. 8, July 5th, at Strome.
No. 4, July 7th, at St. Paul.
B. C. Block, July 12th.
No. 1, July 14th, at Grande Prairie.
No. 2, July 16th.
No. 12, Oct. 21st, at Champion.
No. 14, November (first week).

Full Quota of Delegates Urged

"All farmers are urged to attend," writes Mr. Boutilier. "We also urge all Junior and F.W.U.A. Locals to have their full quota of delegates present, to take part in the election of their director. Directors of the F.W.U.A., Junior and Senior Branches will be appointed at these district conventions.

"The membership campaign is still on, and we hear from James Cameron of Youngstown, who is very active and continues to hold meetings and organize locals. He recently organized locals at New Brigden, Esther, and Sedalia.

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HANNAM IS CHOICE OF FARMER BODIES FROM 25 NATIONS

Conference Calls for Inter-Governmental Commodity Agreements as Basic Plan

ADOPT CANADA PROPOSAL

"Special Action" Program to Deal With Immediate Surpluses—Delegates Tour West

By Q. H. MARTINSON

Following completion of their heavy agenda at sessions which lasted from May 31st to June 11th, a large number of the delegates to the IFAP Conference are now touring the West and are in Alberta as we go to press. Colin G. Groff, Secretary of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, (the hosts), is in charge of the party, and J. R. Almey, the C.P.R.'s General Agricultural Agent, is accompanying them through to the coast. Mr. Martinson, to whom we are indebted for the following despatch, is editor of THE MANITOBA CO-OPERATOR.

GUELPH, Ont.—For the next twelve months at least the organized farmers of the world will look for leadership to a Canadian.

One of the closing acts of the Third Annual Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers here was the choice of H. H. Hannam, LL.D., as its President. He was elected to this high office by the farm organizations of 25 nations, who spoke through their delegations. It will be his task and that of his colleagues to endeavor to bring to fruition in practice, through the co-operative action of Governments and such international bodies as the Food and Agriculture organization, measures for the stabilization of agriculture and the adequate feeding of the world's peoples which have been proposed by the Conference.

Succeeds Distinguished Englishman

Mr. Hannam, who is President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, succeeds the distinguished Englishman, Sir James Turner of London, who has been the presiding officer and leader of IFAP since its formation in 1946, and to whose inspiration and guidance the realization of the dream of a world organization of farmers was in substantial measure due.

As Vice-President of the organization, H. D. Louwes, head of the delegation from the Netherlands farm organization, will continue; while Pierre Martin, head of the national farm organization of France, will continue as Second Vice-President. The Conference elected, as Fourth Vice-President, Albert Goss, President of the National Grange of the U.S.A.

Next year's Conference will be held in Stockholm, Sweden.

Aggressive action, not only by IFAP

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Annual Convention of A.L.C., July 14, 15

Annual Convention of the Alberta Livestock Co-operative will be held in Edmonton, Thursday and Friday, July 14th and 15th, we are advised by C. D. Lane, Secretary.

British Organize Course and Representatives of Sixteen Nations Attend

LONDON, Eng.—British methods of child care are being studied by doctors, nurses and social workers from sixteen nations. In a fifteen weeks' course organized by the Ministry of Health in co-operation with the British Council, the scheme was initiated by the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund, who are meeting the costs from their sterling account in Britain. Those taking part come from Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, Finland, France, Greece, Holland, Israel, Italy, Lebanon, Poland, Syria, Transjordan, and Yugoslavia.

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Central Alberta Dairy Pool Section



SLOGAN FOR TODAY: "More Milk from Every Cow"

WHY DO MY MILK AND CREAM TESTS VARY?

By NORMAN K. KIRKHAM

THIS question is one which every dairyman has asked himself many times and the older dairyman has come to accept the fact that his test will vary according to the season and the physical condition of his cows.

To our many new members and friends we feel that we should try to make it clear that the problem of test variations has been the subject of extensive research amongst dairy chemists for years, which will doubtless be continued.

The results of these researches are published from time to time, but there is much to be discovered yet as to what causes test variations.

Main Causes of Variations

We do know, however, that the main causes of test variations are:

1. Climatic temperatures — hot and cold.
2. Feed — unbalanced ration.
3. Physical condition of the animal.
4. Mastitis or other sickness.

We show in this section two charts which indicate the variation in tests daily from the same herd and a five-year record of monthly tests. These charts are very interesting and it will be noted that in the monthly chart, tests commenced to come down sharply from January to May and then improved upwards until November. Both of these tests were made in Ontario, and you will notice that the variation from high to low is about 6/10ths of a point; in other words the average variation is from 3.8 to 3.2.

Greater Variation Here

In our own experience in this Province, the variation is considerably greater than those above, and I think we can explain that by the fact that our winters are longer and more severe than those in Ontario, which has its effect upon the physical condition of the cows.

The man who tests your milk or cream is fully qualified and government licensed, and his work is supervised and checked by Government inspectors for your protection. There is something that you can do, however, to check your production and tests, and that is avail yourself of the Department of Agriculture's Cow Testing Plan.

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Annual Meeting of the Central Alberta Dairy Pool

Date—Tuesday, June 21st, 1949

Place—Red Deer

Location—Elks Hall
Opposite the Condensery

Business Meeting—10.00 a.m.

Banquet—Buffalo Hotel—6.30 p.m.

Guest Speaker: R. O. German, Secretary,
Alberta Wheat Pool.

PLAN TO ATTEND

ture's Cow Testing Plan. The cost is very small — \$1.00 per year up to 10 cows; \$2.00 per year up to 20 cows and so on. Full particulars can be obtained from the Dairy Branch, Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, from your district agriculturist, or write to the C.A.D. Pool, Red Deer.

(See chart above and also chart on page 5.)

Co-ops in Belgium

GENEVA, Switzerland—Belgium, according to a recent statement of the International Labour Office here, had at the beginning of 1947, nearly 1,600 co-operative associations, with an aggregate membership of over 814,000. Nearly half of the societies came under the classification of agricultural credit co-operatives, but the major part of the membership was in 145 consumer co-ops.

Effective August 1st, Belgium expects to return the wheat trade to private hands.



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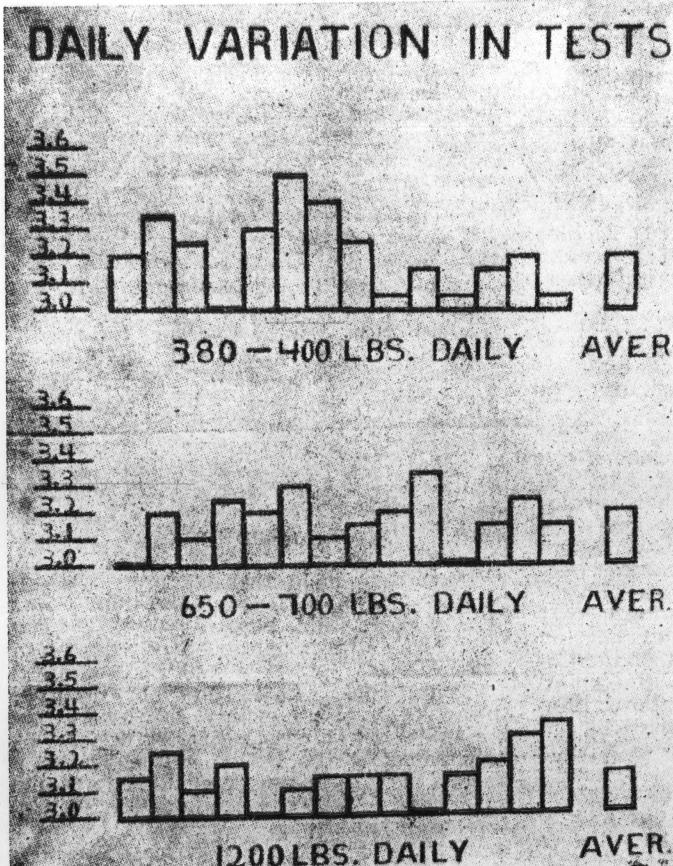


Chart showing the daily and average test for three patrons delivering milk to a Milk Manufacturing Plant for a 14-day period. (See article on page 4.)

—Courtesy of A. B. Aylesworth.

OTTAWA LETTER
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for the establishment of an international agency. This agency would move surpluses to countries where most need existed in such a way as not to undermine stability of prices for farm products. The importing country would pay the maximum it could afford, the balance to be paid equally by the exporting country and the international agency. The agency funds would be subscribed on an agreed basis by the interested countries.

(2) The international commodity agreements would provide for establishment of ranges of minimum and maximum prices, thus ensuring flexibility and complete freedom of trade.

(3) The aim of developing a practical marketing system is, among other things, to prevent the possibility of

farmers being forced to reduce food production.

(4) There should be suitable international adaptation of price stabilization programs of producers such as now exists at the national level in Australia and New Zealand, where financial reserves are accumulated in periods of high prices to supplement farm incomes in periods of low prices; and

(5) Maintenance of adequate stocks of storeable commodities to protect consumers in importing countries from high prices by maintaining continuity of exports in short crop years.

To Get Obstructions Removed

One of the delegates pointed out to the Conference that plans suggested had in the main been brought up before, but that FAO had been obstructed in carrying them out by some signatory nations. He asked that IFAP should, through its collective force, have its members approach their Governments and get obstructions and delays removed. It would appear that in this lies the hope for some practical success in an entirely laudable objective. The prospects of increasing surpluses in some countries and the general approval of the International

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Wheat Agreement would seem to forecast some prompt action. An indication of the trend towards increased surpluses was shown recently in the decision to declare cheese a surplus commodity in the U.S., and exports of cheese could not be paid for from ERP funds.

West's Increasing Proportion of Exports

An interesting fact about Canada's export trade in farm products that is sometimes overlooked is the increasing relative importance of Western Canada as the source of these export products compared with Eastern Canada. The position of the Prairie Provinces in relation to wheat exports, of course, needs no comment. It has long been the acknowledged granary of the country, but of the 16 to 20 million bushels of winter wheat grown in Ontario about 5,000,000 goes into the making of pastry. Ontario gets its

bread grain from the West. It also gets a good deal of its feed grains, and as time goes on Eastern Canada will be importing more butter from the West.

The extent of the farm lands in Ontario has been little changed in many years except for the addition of limited areas in the North. The growing urban population consumes even a great deal of the bacon which would otherwise go into export, and tourists help in this. The East undoubtedly will continue to export livestock (cattle particularly), cheese, apples (with British Columbia) and some other products, but undoubtedly the sustaining of exports markets in the future, not in wheat alone, but also in bacon, cattle to a large extent — in effect the great bulk of export trade — will rest more and more on the shoulders of the farmer of the Prairie Provinces.

Pool Delegate Nominations

There are seventy Alberta Wheat Pool Delegates and their term is for two years. Half the delegate body must come up for election each year. This year elections are open in the odd-numbered districts, and nomination blanks together with membership lists and full information have been sent to every member in these districts.

When properly filled in, nomination forms should be mailed to the Alberta Wheat Pool, Calgary, and they must be received at the head office not later than 5 p.m. on June 30th, 1949. The best plan is to get the nominations in early so that there will be no risk of disqualification because of late arrival.

Wheat Pool delegates formulate the policy of the organization. The position is an important one and members should interest themselves in seeing that the best men are selected.

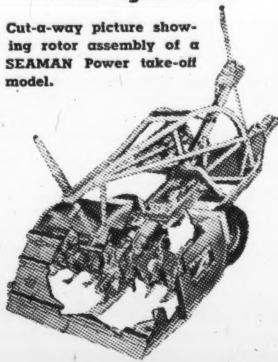
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To Sir James Turner, who retired from the Presidency of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers last week, the farm people of the countries now participating in the work of the Federation owe a very great debt. He took a leading part in the discussions which led to its formation, and he has been its distinguished and very able presiding officer since its formation in 1946. He has won the admiration and warm friendship of colleagues from many lands who have been associated with him in the development of the policies of the Federation and the strengthening of its influence.

THE NEW PRESIDENT

In Mr. Hannam, Sir James has a worthy successor, whose contribution to the building of the farm movement has won recognition in Canada and abroad.

Of the spirit and intentions which the new President will bring to the performance of the tasks of leadership in the world organization, his record of past service clearly provides the clue. That spirit and those intentions were revealed in the address which he gave before the graduating class of St. Francis Xavier University, when he was honored there shortly before the opening of the IFAP Conference at Guelph. Words which he used on that occasion to describe the ideals and purposes of the Co-operative Movement, apply, in his judgment, also to those of the farmers' world organization:

"That the will of the people shall be supreme," he said at the University, "is a basic fact behind the development of the Co-operative Movement. Another is that today economic power is a dominant force in our society and that when the people hold the reins of economic power in their own hands they will enjoy a more complete freedom than is possible otherwise. The third is—and this deserves far more emphasis than it gets, except perhaps within St. Francis Xavier's sphere of influence—that co-operative participation gives members an opportunity to have their minds function in the broadest phases and spheres of life. This means growth of mind and personality, and, of character as well, because co-operative practice is quite in harmony with good ethics.

TIDE SWEEPING THE WORLD

"There is undoubtedly a tide sweeping the world today, rolling in the direction of the common man, bringing him better food, better health, better living, a better kind of security and freedom. Evidence of it can be seen on every hand. There is the remarkable and ever expanding growth of the Co-operative Movement.

"There is the scarcely less spectacular rise of the Farm Movement—in Canada, and internationally. Fourteen years ago Canadian farms had no organization functioning as their voice in the national field. Today, in numerous ways, and from all groups and governments, the Federation of Agriculture is accorded recognition and respect as the authoritative voice of Canadian Agriculture.

"Tonight, delegates sent by the organized

THE HOUSING QUESTION

These are our own displaced ones, they who seek
And cannot find a roof-tree of their own,
Who grow more hopeless week by weary week
Until at last hope's final spark is flown.

While monuments to affluence arise
In gleaming glass and tile on every hand,
The poor in purse repair with bitter eyes
To such poor shelter as their means command.

How dare this country in its boastful pride
Of wealth and progress make such bold display,
While human rights are lightly cast aside,
And builders of its mighty strength fall prey
To disillusion, and become afraid
As all men must when faith has been betrayed?

ISA GRINDLAY JACKSON.

farmers of 25 countries will arrive in Ottawa on their way to take part in their third world conference. Here is a people's movement with democratically elected representatives of millions of farm people from every corner of the globe taking a hand in world affairs. Here again are people—plain farm people—coming into their own.

"And there is no finer example anywhere of people—farmers, miners, fishermen—on the march, than right here in your St. Francis Xavier extension program. Study groups, farm forums, credit unions, are all part of the tide.

"The people are the tide. Its progress is the evolution of our society. Without attempting to exploit it, as others have done, we can help to guide it. How? I believe the best answer is: Inspire enlightened group thinking; encourage enlightened group action. If we did this as zealously and efficiently as we now build towering skyscrapers, huge corporations, and achieve miracles in science, the tide would take care of itself. I think that is the way and the challenge of Democracy".

INTERNATIONAL WHEAT AGREEMENT

In special plenary session on June 2nd, the delegates to the IFAP meeting in Guelph, unanimously endorsed a resolution urging early ratification of the International Wheat Agreement.

On June 11th, in Washington, the United States ratified the Agreement.

We do not know what the various influences that contributed to the Senate's decision may have been; but we think it probable that the appeal made by the Federation may have been one. The IFAP resolution read:

"This annual Conference of IFAP, meeting in specially convened Plenary Session for this purpose, strongly urges all Governments of signatory countries immediately to ratify the International Wheat Agreement.

"It is the responsibility of producers to provide for sufficient agricultural production so that the consumer can be assured of continuity of supply. This can only be assured by stability in the basic commodity price structure.

"Progress of industry and commerce generally requires that world trade in wheat should be conducted within an agreed framework providing orderliness with flexibility.

"The International Wheat Agreement is designed to, and IFAP believes can, attain these objectives and is therefore in the interests of both exporting and importing countries.

"The IFAP hereby records its unanimous support of the International Wheat Agreement and repeats its declaration of the urgency of early ratification."

"Hunger is a powerful ideology." — Lord Boyd-Orr.

Heads World's Farmers



Starting life as a farm boy but a few miles from the conference hall where he was chosen last week to head the International Federation of Agricultural Producers, H. H. Hannam, C.B.E., L.L.D., (above), obtained his degree in agriculture from the Ontario Agricultural College at Guelph. He taught school as a young man, took up agricultural journalism, and soon became devoted to the furtherance of the co-operative movement. He became secretary of the United Farmers' Co-operative of Ontario—one of Canada's largest, and retained that position until he was appointed Managing Director of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture on a full-time basis. He has been president of the C.F.A. for nearly ten years. For six years he has been chairman of the National Agricultural Advisory Committee to the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, made up of Deputy Ministers of Agriculture of the various Provinces and representatives of the Federation. Mr. Hannam was made a Commander of the British Empire in the King's Honors list of 1946, and was recently honored with a doctor's degree by the University of St. Francis Xavier.

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Hannam Expresses His Confidence in Democracy's Future

Survival Depends Upon Removal of Injustices and Deplorable Conditions From Society

The address of President H. H. Hannam to the graduating class after the University had conferred on him the honorary degree of doctor of laws of St. Francis Xavier University, Antigonish, N.S., is continued below from our last issue.

"Amongst other messages which St. Francis Xavier may give to posterity", Mr. Hannam added, "is this outstanding one: Through education and experience we believe that the rank and file of the people can develop the intelligence and skill to direct ALL the enterprises that shape their lives and to bring forth from amongst themselves leaders capable of handling any business or any responsibility entrusted to them in the service of their fellow man.

"While Democracy might be a long, slow process, and there were risks in it; experience with dictatorship 'via Hitler and Mussolini' had shown that alternative forms of government were far more risky".

While Mr. Hannam regarded Communism as one of these alternatives, which constituted a "threat to our way of life", equally bad was the "hysteria" and mere "decrying against Communism" of those who were apparently unconscious of the fact that perhaps the only successful way to eliminate it was to "get to the root cause of it, remove the injustices, eliminate the deplorable conditions on which it thrives, and give the people more to look forward to."

"No thinking person can close his mind to the distress, the inhumanities and injustices which breed and feed the ideology of the Communists", Mr. Hannam went on. "Nor can any honest mind but agree with them in their vigorous protests and exposure of such conditions, nor deny their right to make such protest as long as their protest does not run counter to constituted authority.

Markham's Tragic Picture

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Upon his hoe and gazes at the ground,
The emptiness of ages in his face,
And on his back the burden of the world;
A thing that grieves not and never hopes.
Who made him dead to rapture and despair?
Whose breath blew out the light within his brain?

Is this the thing the Lord God made and gave
To have dominion over sea and land?
There is no shape more terrible than this—
More tongued with censure of the world's blind greed,
More packed with danger to the universe.

O masters, lords and rulers in all lands,
How will you ever straighten up this shape,
Give back the upward looking and the light?
How answer his brute question in that hour
When whirlwinds of rebellion shake all shores?

"Too often the ones who are loudest in their condemnation of Communism are the very ones whose economic operations are in themselves a threat to Democracy and a contribution of ammunition to the Communists. Certainly there is a better way. That

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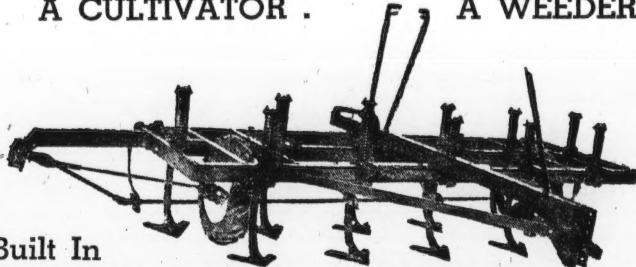
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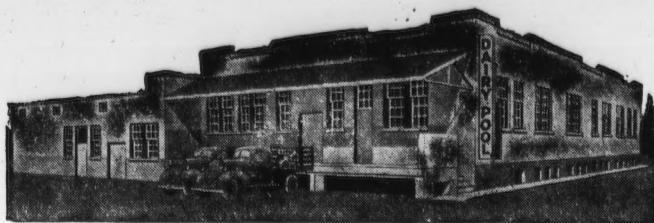
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AGRICULTURE AND OIL

By ALEXANDER SKELHORNE

FELLOW MEMBERS: Once more Mr. Skelhorne is favoring us with a most valuable article, for which we are indeed grateful. Last time he dealt with the field of world and national economic problems and showed that their solution is vital to us all. This time he describes exceedingly important developments, upon which he is also an authority, in our own Province. The subject is one which every member will find of absorbing interest—for Mr. Skelhorne shows that it is of direct concern to every producer.

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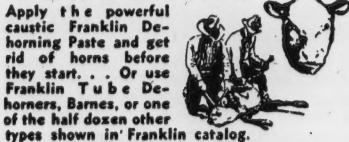
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Date of Annual Meeting Changed to June 23

FELLOW MEMBERS: Please take notice that it has been found necessary to postpone the date of our Annual Meeting by one week. It will be held on Thursday, June 23rd, in Calgary, instead of June 16th, as originally planned.

Your fraternally,

Wm. Burns

PRESIDENT.

quate supply of essential power ment, will show reserves of to put in and take off a crop. It over one hundred million barrels, comes under the category be at the mercy of any foreign of a major strike. Leduc is such power in respect to diesel fuel a one. As a matter of fact, Leduc should give us at least three or gasoline, or lubricating oil, hundred million barrels of the and brother, when we say this black fluid, and probably more we are speaking a mouthful.

During the war years we were rationed on oil supplies, and it hurt. We should never again be in that position of dependence upon supplies either from our neighbor to the south, or our friends in South America.

For all time to come, or until we are able to use atomic power in our machines, Alberta should have sufficient supplies of the liquid black gold to make us independent of any outside source, and that means a great deal.

What Discoveries Will Mean

I could go on and on telling you what it can mean, but I would rather stress for the remainder of my space the discoveries which have already taken place, and which lead those who have studied the question to go all out on a limb, in the manner already mentioned.

In January of 1947 we were drawing oil from one field alone, and that was Turner Valley. This field had been producing oil for ten years, and it was rapidly declining in production. Then, in February 1947, Leduc was discovered, and it did not take very long for us to realize that another major oil field had been found in Alberta.

Major Oilfields

Now it is necessary to explain what is meant by a major oil field, and it is sufficient for us to know that any oil structure, which, upon measure-

ment, will show reserves of over one hundred million barrels, comes under the category of a major strike. Leduc is such a one. As a matter of fact, Leduc should give us at least three hundred million barrels of the black fluid, and probably more than this, as its outlines are not known; its limits not fully defined.

The Redwater field, fifty some miles north east of Edmonton, is another major strike; in fact, it is larger than Leduc. It is quite likely that these two structures contain one billion barrels of recoverable oil, which would be sufficient to last the three Prairie Provinces, at the present rate of consumption, for about fifty years.

But we are not through finding oil structures. This year, the drill has uncovered Bon Accord, Whitemud, Golden Spike, Joseph's Lake, and, only last week, Stettler. How big these strikes are we do not know as yet, because no follow up drilling has taken place. We are still probing and drilling down at Pincher Creek. There is oil between Craigmyle and Hanna which warrants further exploration. All over the Province parties of geologists, with the latest scientific equipment for exploratory purposes, are mapping and probing. Dozens of wells are being drilled on wild-cat structures, and any day another gusher may be found and a new oil field brought into the limelight.

Truly, Alberta is a great Province in resources of all kinds. Let us hope that we will be worthy of our heritage, to the end that our children will reap the benefit of our pioneering.

Co-ops Conserve Fur

Conservation of muskrats and other fur-bearing animals is one of the beneficial results of the fur co-operatives that have sprung up in northern Saskatchewan in the last two or three years. The trappers of the district, who are usually farmers also, band together and work co-operatively in trapping and skinning the animals caught, distributing the cash receipts, after deducting expenses. They also decide when trapping should end for the season, in order to leave breeding stock in the ponds and marshes. Practically all the marshes trapped by the co-ops are on crown lands, and the co-ops are given exclusive trapping rights. The members arrange for patrolling the district during the year, and in some cases build dams and sow wild rice to increase the carrying capacity of marshes.



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POST-WAR CHRONICLE

June 2nd.—London reports A. V. Alexander en route to Hong Kong, for on-the-spot examination of defences. Two remaining Nationalist armies in retreat in China, one in Shensi, one south from Hankow. Acheson asks secret session of Foreign Ministers to discuss proposal for unified government of Berlin.

June 3rd.—Big Four meet in secret session. First conference of four military commanders of Berlin in nearly a year fails to settle rail strike.

June 4th.—Shanghai reports Communist armies have occupied Tsingtao, unopposed. Question of veto believed snag in secret conference on administration of Berlin. Whittaker Chambers, one-time Communist who became an editor of Reader's Digest and a star witness before a grand jury implicating Alger Hiss, former official in Roosevelt administration, admitted today before same grand jury that he had "lied under oath" and that he had no direct knowledge of Russian spy activity.

June 5th.—Air agreement signed at Ottawa gives Canada rights to extend air service to New York, and to use American airports at Tampa, Honolulu, and Newfoundland; U.S. gets use of Gander and Edmonton airports and rights to establish routes to Toronto and to Edmonton.

June 6th.—U.S. Senate committee unanimously approves North Atlantic treaty. Alexander at Hong Kong. Paris report says Molotov to handle Russian relations with Orient; suggests changed policy in China may result.

June 7th.—At Big Four meeting, conflicting Russian and Western plans for Berlin made public; Russians want right to appoint half of German commission to govern city (until election held) while Western powers each want 25 per cent of appointments; other differences. Ilse Koch (whose life sentence was commuted in U.S. court) to be tried in German court for atrocities against Germans at Buchenwald.

June 8th.—Acheson demands four Berlin commandants report on efforts to settle Berlin transportation tangle in five days. Official states only rail strike prevents east-west trade agreement. Rome denies Moscow radio reports that U.S. is building military bases in Italy.

June 9th.—Lewis calls one week stoppage of work in U.S. coal mines, to reduce large stocks of coal now on hand. London reports Britain may lift arms embargo against Arab states which have signed armistice with Israel.

June 10th.—Vishinsky proposes four powers agree to withdraw troops from Germany one year after treaty signed; asks new conference in three months to draft treaty. ECA purchases of cheese outside U.S. halted.

June 11th.—British railwaymen for fourth time carry on week-end strike against over-night work. Hong Kong reports that substantial air reinforcements are expected as a result of Alexander's visit. Germans complain that fear of trade competition is real reason for dismantling of Ruhr plants, capable of easy conversion to war use. American Medical Association, at close of week's convention, reiterates strong opposition to Truman's public health plan.

June 12th.—Trieste holds first free election since 1922. Belgrade reports Czechoslovakia has banned all imports from Yugoslavia. Amnesty may be

Bearing of Freight Rate Structure on Farming Stressed

McFall for A. F. A. Presents Case for Alberta Farmer — Pays Both Ways

The importance of the farming industry to Alberta and to other parts of Canada, and the close relationship of the freight rate structure to the welfare of the industry, were set forth in a closely reasoned brief presented this week in Calgary by Secretary James R. McFall, for the Alberta Federation of Agriculture, to the Royal Commission on Transportation. An equalization of rates in general across Canada, was urged.

Pointing out that the Federation spoke for farmers as a whole, the brief showed that nearly half the people of the Province were on farms and that the value of agricultural production last year had been stated by Premier Manning to be \$545 millions, while that of natural resources was \$99 millions. The importance of this production to the economy of the whole Province, and to other parts of Canada, was dwelt upon, as well as the importance to Canada of the maintenance of farm exports on the world's markets.

Pays Freight Coming and Going

Most of Alberta's huge agricultural production must be moved outside the Province, and much of it outside the country; not only so, but the railways were carrying an immense volume of farm equipment into the Province. These circumstances "underline the obvious importance of efficient, low-cost transportation service to agriculture." The farmer usually pays the freight both on inbound and outbound traffic; and this, regardless of the fact that while climatic conditions and market fluctuations affect his income, much of his operating cost—including freight rates—remains stable. In 1932, for instance, the freight rate nearly equalled the amount received by the farmer for No. 1 Northern wheat at many points in Alberta.

The figures given in the brief were supported by tables of statistics from various official sources.

Evaluating Barley Hybrids

To assist plant breeders in evaluating the quality of new barley hybrids, a new research laboratory was opened in Winnipeg recently. It will be operated by the Barley Improvement Institute, sponsored by brewing and malting interests. The Institute also conducts the National Barley Contest, which is being continued in 1949.

granted to French collaborators with Nazis during occupation, reported in Paris.

June 13th.—U.S. Senate ratifies international wheat agreement.

June 14th.—Berlin rail workers vote 6 to 1 to continue strike. German denazification court nullifies eight-year sentence against Schacht.

June 15th.—Big Four hold another secret session. Million French government workers go on one-day strike. West German election set for August 14th.

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Fair Deal's New Farm Program Stirs Washington

By ANGUS McDONALD

SHARP-controversy continues to centre in the U.S. Congress around the new farm program of Charles Brannan, President Truman's Secretary of Agriculture; but the writer of this article (which originally appeared in *The New Republic*) has expressed the opinion that most of the farmers are behind it, while it has positive attractions from the consumers' standpoint. In the third installment printed below, Mr. McDonald's contribution is concluded.—EDITOR.

Throughout his career the Secretary has emphasized that a fundamental problem both in the U.S. and all over the world is one of distribution. If one thing stands out in Brannan's speeches, testimony before committees, departmental directives and conversations with friends, it is that measures must be enacted to utilize farm products after they leave the farm.

Farm-City Buying Power Related

Brannan also realizes that there is a close relation between farm and city buying power. In speeches before labor groups he pointed out that price-support legislation for the farmer was somewhat similar to minimum-wage legislation and unemployment compensation for the worker, that having a floor under wages or prices doesn't mean that it will be used, only that it is there as insurance against depression and as an obstacle to starting the downward spiral of income of both city and farm people.

His chief criticism of existing farm legislation is that it is too rigid. In particular, he has condemned the law as it related to potatoes. Potato growers, he says, were paid a premium for mining the soil and for producing a commodity of which we had a surplus.

Weaknesses of Present Legislation

Present agricultural legislation, he feels, has other weaknesses. One is that the non co-operator stands almost as good a chance to benefit under a loan program as a co-operator. Under the voluntary system, for example, a potato grower might double his acreage, and while he would not be entitled to a loan, could sell his potatoes on the open market and thus profit from the loan program. The government's buying up or lending money on other potatoes would sustain the market price, thereby benefiting everybody, including those who did not co-operate.

For five days Brannan fought for his new program before Congressional committees. Now the hearings are starting up again. In the House Agriculture Committee Brannan is likely to win over most of the Democrats and some of the Republicans. In the Senate Agriculture Committee the future of the program is in doubt. Title 2 of the present bill is the program which the Senate has enacted and has urged upon the House. And only substantial public pressure will make the Senate reverse itself. No senatorial action will simply bring the Aiken Act into operation next year.

If Congress acts on the Secretary's suggestions, the bad features of this law will never go into effect. Small farmers will not be cut down to 60 per cent parity, which is worse than no support at all because it gives the farmer the illusion of a price floor by

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The recommendation relating to modernization of the parity formulas will, of course, lower the parity price for wheat and consequently will be opposed by many wheat farmers, but this principle incorporated into the present Aiken Act never encountered much opposition anyway.

Potato Trouble Menaced Program

Farmers who are realistic know that the American people will not stand for an obsolete parity formula which prevents them from sharing in technological and scientific progress. They know that the potato debacle threatened the whole price-support program and if they are wise they will support this particular recommendation of the Secretary which will bring parity up to date by making it reflect market conditions over a period of years.

Consumers will, or should be, attracted to the parts of the Secretary's program which provide for direct payments to producers of perishables and for production payments for increased livestock production. If these recommendations are put into effect by Congress, the consumer will benefit more from a farm program than he ever has before. The middlemen, processors and distributors for the first time will be on the outside looking in.

Stand or Fall on Program

Brannan's recommendations to Congress were certain to precipitate violent controversy. But it is equally certain that the Secretary will not water down his program just because of opposition. He has spent a great deal of time working out this detailed plan, and he and his experts will stand by what they presented so unequivocally to Congressional agricultural leaders. Brannan is stubborn, once he has made up his mind, so is the President. Right now the Administration has chosen to stand or fall in 1950 and 1952, on the farm front, with Brannan's program.

If Brannan is right, the political miracle of 1948 will become a habit as farmers, labor and consumers find common political goals.

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A startled robin building a nest
Sat in silence with crumpled crest.
The cherry trees, so white of late,
Stood stark and fearful and sedate.

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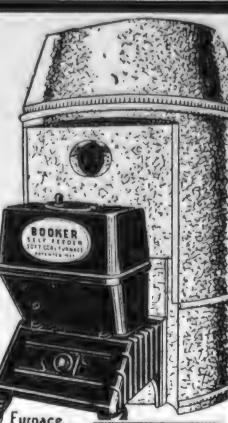
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MRS. SPENCER'S ARTICLE

We regret that through delay which we have ascertained has occurred in the mails, Mrs. Spencer's letter to Farm Women has not been delivered as this page goes to press. This feature will be resumed in our next issue.

Farm Home and Garden

Cream Puff: Put 1/3 cup shortening in saucepan with 1 cup boiling water, and heat until fat is melted; add 1/2 tsp. salt and 1 cup sifted all-purpose flour (or 1 cup plus 2 tbs. sifted pastry flour), and beat until mixture forms ball. Remove from stove, cool slightly and add 3 eggs, unbeaten, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each addition. Drop by spoonfuls on greased pan and bake in very hot oven until puffed and lightly browned, about 15 minutes; then reduce heat and continue baking until puffs are firm. Cool, slit and fill with whipped cream, sweetened and flavored.

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F.W.U.A. Calls for National Health Insurance

In a brief presented to the Alberta Health Survey Committee, in Edmonton, on June 7th, the Executive of the Farm Women's Union of Alberta stress the fact that, in their opinion "nothing less than National Health Insurance under the Dominion Government, in Co-operation with the Provinces, can provide adequate public health and medical care service." The brief sets forth in some detail the health needs of rural Alberta, and suggests measures which should be adopted. Signed by "Vera Lowe, President; Mary B. Pharis, First Vice-President; and Susan M. Gunn, Second Vice-President," it reads as follows:

Concerned With Rural Areas

The F.W.U.A. Executive welcomes the opportunity of presenting to the Alberta Health Survey Committee some pertinent facts with reference to health. In this presentation we are concerned with health as applied to rural areas.

We wish to pay tribute to the National Department of Health and Welfare for its generous health grants to the Provinces, and also to the fine spirit of co-operation indicated by our Provincial Government. We recognize the present survey, and the allocation of health and hospital grants to be, in the words of the Minister of Health, Mr. Martin, as reported in Hansard, April 5th, 1949, "the first stage in a system of national medical and hospital care insurance." We stress the fact that, in our opinion, nothing less than National Health Insurance under the Dominion Government, in co-operation with the Provinces, can provide adequate public health and medical care service.

Two Aspects—Prevention and Curative

Our interest in health has two aspects, preventive and curative. We lay particular emphasis on the health of women and children, because of high maternal and infant mortality, and, also, because of the special health needs of children. Numerous recommendations dealt with subsequently in this report, concern an intensified program of prevention. Such a program could, over the years, materially reduce necessary capital expenditure on such institutions as mental hospitals, T.B. sanatoria, and to a lesser degree hospitals in general. In addition, such a preventive program could bring incalculable benefits to the general public by way of economic, social, and physical advantages resultant on a higher standard of health.

Rural Health Areas—Situation Not Happy

The situation with reference to health in rural areas is not a happy one, for example:

- Infant mortality in rural areas is higher than in adjacent cities.
- Maternal death rates are higher in rural areas than in adjoining urban centers.

The determining factor appears to be that health personnel tends to concentrate in urban centers with a consequent unequal distribution of doctors, nurses and dentists for rural areas.

For Rural Children Entering School

Health records of doctors and nurses in the city show that children arrive at school age, (We quote from Canada's Health, auspices National Committee for Mental Hygiene) "With a multitude of disabilities, defective eyesight, diseased tonsils, rotten teeth, curved spines, rickets, etc." But no general provision for a health check-up is made for rural children entering school for the first time. We feel that a complete medical check-up, with corrective treatment where nec-

Presentations Are Made to Miss Birch, Orrin Hart by Farm Young People

Miss Eileen Birch and Orrin Hart were honored last week by the young people attending Farm Young People's Week.

In recognition of his services as head of the organized Juniors for two years, the retiring president, Orrin Hart, was presented by the young people with a handsome signet ring. The presentation took place at the annual business meeting of the Junior F.U.A.

The Juniors arranged to show their appreciation of the sympathetic and efficient assistance given to the Farm Young People's Week, over a period of years, by Miss Eileen Birch, Junior Secretary. Miss Birch had been prevented from illness from attending, (though she is now so far recovered as to be back at the office part of each day). On their return from Edmonton, therefore, a group of Junior officers and members, including the president and first vice-president, Edward Ness and Bruce Ellis, called on Miss Birch and presented her with a beautiful wrist watch.

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Mrs. Leighton read Mrs. Barker's bulletin on International Affairs to the last meeting of Lochinvar F.W.U.A., writes Mrs. W. B. Ogilvie, and the members found it most interesting; it gave "plenty of food for thought".

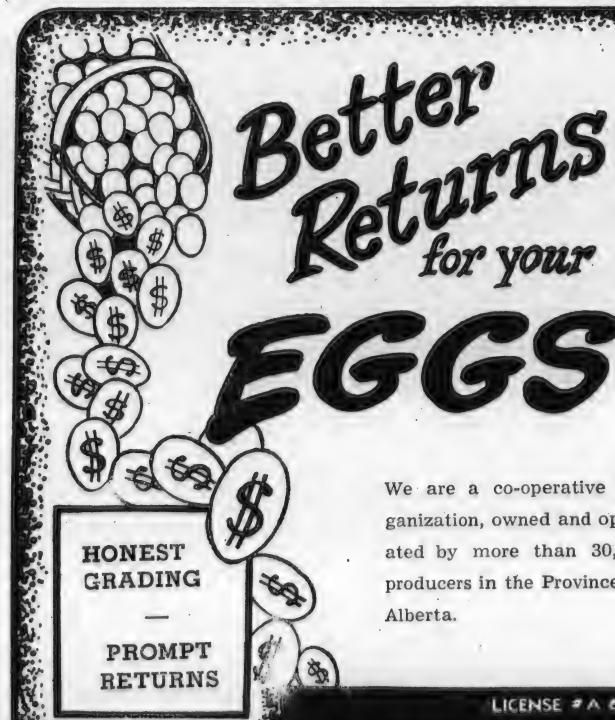
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World Wheat Situation

By LEONARD D. NESBITT,
Superintendent of Publicity,
Alberta Wheat Pool

At the time of writing, the fate of the wheat crop in Western Canada is still in the balance. In some regions prospects are good, but over large areas moisture is still deficient. The lack of reserve moisture is still a source of worry. Widespread rains are needed to produce a good crop.

In Alberta, the driest spot is in a triangular region running from south of High River to Coronation and thence northwestward to Edmonton. Rainfall has been very skimpy over most of this great region, which is normally highly productive. In the Lethbridge district and in the area running eastward to the Saskatchewan border the crops are surprisingly good but rain will be needed. Frost damage and dry weather has done harm to the crops in northeastern Alberta.

From south of the border comes word that a wheat crop of 1,336,000,000 is in prospect. Adding the carryover there to, the United States will have a wheat supply of 1,636,000,000 bushels. That country could well export 600 million bushels in the 1949-50 crop year and still have a substantial carryover. The surplus wheat supply is becoming an acute problem there.

World wheat prices are softening in view of the huge United States supply and in sympathy with a downward trend in other commodities. It is anticipated, however, that international trade will be substantial in the ensuing crop year.

Urge Aid for West Carrying Burden Due to National Policy

Peak Freight Rates Here Hit Farmer as Consumer—Priestley Appears for Co-op.

In behalf of about 25,000 members the brief presented to the Royal Commission on Transportation by Norman F. Priestley, General Manager, for the United Farmers of Alberta Co-operative, Limited, drew attention "to the heavy tolls in transportation which our own great areas and our geographical position as an inland Province, at the peak of transportation rate structure, levy on our members and consumers generally".

Detailed statements of costs of freight in relation to total costs were given for a number of commodities. One of these, for example, showed that freight on agricultural machinery from Brantford, Ontario, to Winnipeg, was \$1 per 100 pounds; to Calgary \$2.01, and to Grande Prairie \$2.40.

West Should Be Compensated

Political considerations, it was submitted, are involved in the operation of our transport systems. Historical development of Canada has been along east and west lines, and national policy has been, and is, directed to keeping business in east and west channels. Some compensation, it was urged, should be given the West by bonus out of the public treasury, for the unprofitable miles traversed between the industrial East and the agricultural Provinces of the West. Attention was drawn, incidentally, to the possibilities of Port Churchill.

Alberta's importance in the national economy, it was submitted, "warrants attention to its disabilities in transportation, and an effort to introduce a greater degree of equity in these respects".

Bringing up to 20 the number of choice registered bulls supplied this year, another group was unloaded at Czar, June 9th, for the Neutral Hills Grazing Association under the Livestock Improvement Policy, according to word received from Secretary C. D. Lane, Neutral Hills, just at press time.

Livestock Markets Review

EDMONTON STOCKYARDS, June 13th.—The market took on a recessive attitude during the latter part of last week, closing 50 cents to \$1 lower. Choice steers traded, at the end of the week, from \$21.50 to \$22, with medium to good \$19 to \$21. Hogs were higher; Grade A for shipment, brought \$31.50, at local plants \$30; sows, liveweight, \$13. There were insufficient lambs offered to make a market. A few good shearlings sold up to \$20.

CALGARY STOCKYARDS, June 14th.—Trade slow, in last few days, with heavy runs of cattle. Cows \$1.50 below last week, selling at \$15 to \$15.50 for good quality, down to \$13.50 for common; canners and cutters \$10 to \$13. Good to choice steers \$20.50 to \$21.50, down to \$16 for common. Hogs higher at \$32.25, sows \$19 liveweight. Spring lambs \$26 to \$27.

The Dairy Market

Prints remain at 59 cents locally and special butterfat at 60. Outside markets stand at 58 cents (Toronto and Montreal) and 57½ (Vancouver). Canadian butter production in May totalled 32,076,000 pounds, an increase of 5.2 per cent over the figure for May, 1948. So far this year, production has been up 6.5 per cent over that of last year.

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(Continued from Page 5) way lies in seeing that none shall exploit the work and lives of his fellow man. And, let us go out with conviction and enthusiasm for our Democratic way of life; let us by means of good works show that we have concern for the suffering of the distressed, disinherited and unfortunate; and let us prove to them, by the way we direct our society that our way of life has more to offer them, that the justice and freedom promised by Democracy is real and within the reach of all".

French-speaking co-operators in Canada will hold their next general congress at Bathurst, N.B., July 1st and 2nd. It will be the second such gathering held outside of Quebec; the first was in St. Boniface, Manitoba, in 1945.

Proper Strengths for 2,4-D

In controlling perennial weeds, writes Dr. F. J. Greaney, in a recent bulletin from Line Elevators' Farm Service, it is important to remember that some crop damage to wheat, oats and barley may result if rates higher than half a pound of 2,4-D per acre are used. However, where there are heavy infestations of Canada Thistle, Perennial Sow Thistle and other weeds, it may be advisable to accept some crop injury to gain maximum weed control. The use of 2,4-D on flax is not generally recommended, as it will not with safety tolerate more than five ounces per acre. Dr. Greaney recommends treatment of Canada Thistle and Perennial Sow Thistle when the plants are in the rosette stage (or from two to four inches high); early treatment saves chemical, reduces mechanical crop injury from spraying or dusting equipment, and destroys the weeds before they have robbed the crop of water and plant food.



WORLD FARM CONFERENCE

(Continued from Page 3)

itself, but by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), was called for in the policy program. As FAO, through United Nations, has behind it the authority of most of the Governments of the world, it may be placed in a position to influence the course of world history in that most vital field of food production, and by satisfying the need for food, pave the way to permanent peace.

Deplore Negligible Progress

Noting that, in previous conferences, IFAP had endorsed the objectives of FAO respecting commodity agreements and stabilized prices, the Conference scored the respective national governments who are signatories to FAO, for the "negligible progress" towards achievement of these objectives, which had been adopted three years ago.

The Conference noted the "serious concern" caused by the drop in prices of certain farm products, and the development of embarrassing surpluses in some countries, which, coupled with the fear of further unmarketable surpluses, would disrupt balanced production programs and undermine governmental support measures.

Gives Grave Warning

If such developments are not checked, the Conference warned, they would start a decline of prices of farm and other primary products, exploitation or abuse of soil, farm, and human resources; contraction of demand by farmers for all goods and services; unemployment in urban centres leading to reduction of consumption of farm products, and an ensuing economic depression which, as farmers the world over well know, always falls first and most heavily on the farming industry itself, spreading rapidly to other segments of the economy.

Deploring the possibility of farmers being forced to reduce production of food, because of failure to provide a practical system of moving farm products into consumption, the Conference moved to make its recommendations for action.

Inter-Governmental Commodity Agreements

Its first main recommendation was: "That a basic method to achieve expanding international trade in agricultural products at stable prices be inter-governmental commodity agreements."

Such agreements should provide, in the main:

(a) The inclusion of a clause calling for co-ordination by an international agency, of all commodity agreements, the agency to be financed from a fund created by a per unit levy or transaction fee, one-half by the exporting country, and one-half by the importing country, the amount and uses of such levy to be described in the agreement;

(b) The establishment of minimum and maximum prices within a range which would ensure flexibility and the optimum freedom of trade.

(c) Provision, where practicable, for suitable international adaptations of the price stabilization programs of producers, such as exist in Australia and New Zealand, where financial reserves are accumulated in periods of high prices to supplement farm incomes in periods of low prices;

Provision, where practicable, for maintenance of adequate stocks of storeable commodities to pro-

TECT consumers in importing countries from high prices, by maintaining continuity of exports in years of short crops.

Special Action Program

The Conference's recommendations for a "special action" program (based on the Canadian Federation of Agriculture's plan recently described editorially in THE WESTERN FARM LEADER) to deal with immediate surpluses, were in brief as follows:

(1) Establishment by Governments of an international agency through which countries may dispose of their agricultural surpluses;

(2) The movement of such surpluses to countries where the greatest need exists in such a way as not to undermine stability of prices for farm products;

(3) Payment by the importing country of the maximum proportion it can afford, of the price paid to producers in the surplus countries;

(4) The difference between the initial price agreed upon and the lower special price to be paid by the importing countries to be borne equally by the international agency and the country selling the surplus.

(5) The funds of the international agency to be subscribed by the interested Governments on a basis agreed by them.

The Conference further stated its belief that the plan should be so organized and administered as to place part of the cost upon producers of the surplus foods, part on the nation producing the surplus, and part on the nations who are willing to share a portion of the cost of improving the lot of people in great need, by moving into consumption products which were accumulating storage charges, and threatening the stability of agricultural economy.

Offer Aid to FAO and ITA

Respecting commodity agreements, the Conference agreed: that IFAP is ready to give FAO and the proposed international trade organization every assistance within its power. In order to expedite progress in the realization of intergovernmental commodity agreements, the Conference requested its executive committee to assemble and examine relevant data on those commodities suggested by member organizations of IFAP. Such data had already been requested at the Conference on pulpwood, rice, and wool; but the order of commodities to be considered is to be determined by the executive.

The Conference also asked the Executive to convene commodity conferences of those member organizations of IFAP whose countries export or import the commodity concerned for the purpose of recommending programs to governments for the negotiation of agreements.

The Conference instructed its executive to request the July meeting of FAO to give urgent consideration to the special action program adopted by the Conference, and to consider recommending to the various Governments the calling of an international conference on commodity agreements, with specific recommendations to be drawn up for the consideration of FAO with respect to any agricultural commodities.

Need to Correct Unbalance

The Conference urged upon member organizations to take every opportunity of impressing upon their respective national governments the pressing need to correct the unbalance of trade between the sterling area and the European countries, and the dollar area as a means to the restoration of the full convertibility of currencies and of multilateral trade.

The Conference also urged the continued examination of the long-term agricultural programs of countries participating in the Marshall plan.

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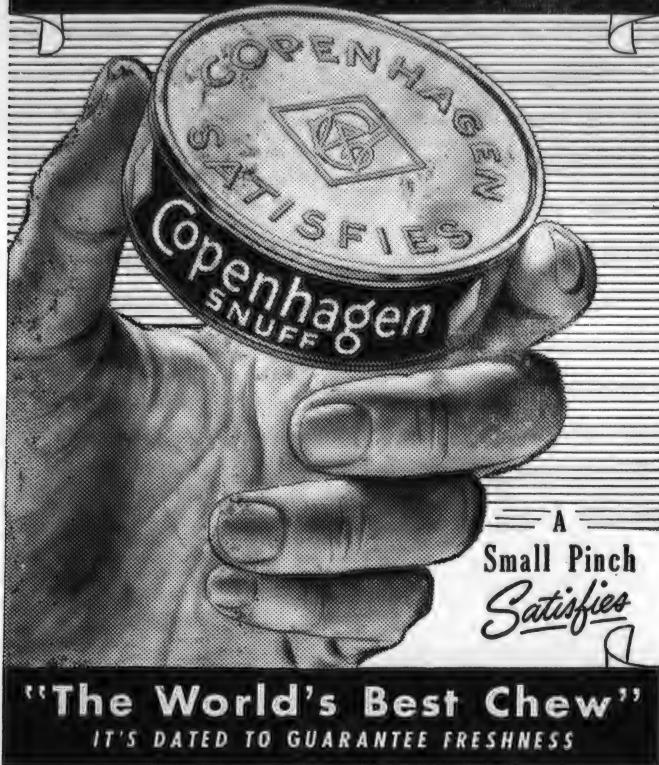
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OTTAWA, Ont.—A possible substitute for jute, as material for sacks, may be found in kenaf. Said to be a distant relation of cotton and okra, kenaf comes from the Orient. Last year a sample planting in Cuba yielded well, and the fibre was taken to

the U.S. where it was woven into yarns, fabrics and bags. The latter proved stronger than jute bags. As India and Pakistan, where jute has been largely grown in the past, are now concentrating on food crops to nourish their enormous populations, a shortage of jute is expected.

COYOTES

OUTLAWS AT LARGE

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A radio commentator on a Western (U.S.) broadcast remarked that drought was agriculture's number one enemy, but that the coyote now appears to be taking second place. In recent months, reports from farmers all over Alberta indicate that losses in sheep, young cattle, fowl and deer have reached a grave all-time record. Something must be done to control this marauding outlaw while its breeding grounds and lairs are easily accessible.

The individual farmer, while somewhat handicapped by restriction laws and fence lines can at least, be on the alert to destroy all coyotes in his own immediate area. The creatures are hard to trap, snare or poison, even where such measures are allowed. The use of planes, wolf hounds, etc., have been quite effective in open country. In bushlands they cannot do much. Whether a combination of trained trappers, or adequate bounty payments to induce amateurs to take an interest, are the answers, it still remains that an aggressive campaign on the part of both farmers and Government is desirable.

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By SYDNEY MAY

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OUCH! OUCH! OUCH!!

News item states that the fishermen on the Isle of Sein, five miles off the Atlantic coast of Brittany, have decided to refuse to pay income tax. And we'll bet the government thinks that these Sein Seine fishermen are not sane Sein Seine fishermen.

We see where a full-blooded Indian is running as a C.C.F. candidate for the B.C. legislature. Is this an indication that at last that old threat is to be carried out and we are about to give the country back to the original Canadians?

Anyway, it would be a step towards greater fairplay to give our Indian friends a voice in Parliament.

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Lift sullen waves that lurched upon the sands.
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The nameless and the ill-begotten child
Should not be numbered with the Christian dead.
The lumbering waves still maul and fret the shore,
The seabirds wheel and dip with plaintive cry,
Unknown, unmarked and hushed for evermore
The children in the unblest acre lie.
A cold gray mist still weaves along the sands
And hides the isle on which Shame Acre stands.

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"The story of a fortune of \$320-boiler by an aged man, came to light to-day, just a month after his death."

— From the *Calgary Herald*.
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The courage of some men is incredible says a Story in *Toronto Saturday Night*. A Tennessee woman has just been sentenced to 10 years for shooting her sixth husband to death. She had already served prison terms for killing two earlier ones, when he married her. Whichever way you look at it, in the matrimonial market, the lady certainly made a killing.

ELECTION NEWS DEPARTMENT

Having studied the speeches of many candidates, this column has come to the conclusion (a) that one party has completely wrecked the country, (b) that a second party is prepared to put it on its feet again, (c) that a third party will guarantee peace and prosperity for ever, (d) a fourth party

promises to establish Utopia and (e) a fifth party says the others are all wet and their platform is the only one that will give us an eight-hour day without work. So there you are, folks, help yourselves and vote early—and don't say we didn't help you.

"Why Gamble With Safety?" asks a bank advertisement. Personally, we wish they'd tell us HOW we can gamble with safety — especially as the bangtails will soon be arriving hereabouts.

ISN'T IT THE TRUTH

It sounds kinda funny, but a "has been" is a guy who never has been—anything.

OLD SAW RESHARPENED

"Strike oil while Alberta's hot."

L.J.S. of Lethbridge wants to know what we think about the banning of beer advertisements in this Province. We daren't tell you, L.J.S., for fear we might get at lager-heads with the Liquor Control Board.

POETRY DEPT.

(President Truman is reported to have said there are too many Byrds in Congress)

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye,
How many black Byrds
Make a Congress pie?

Mrs. Cologera Cassaro, Los Angeles, suing for a divorce after 64 years of marriages, charged that although her 86-year-old husband is able-bodied, lately he has been living "in idleness, profligacy and dissipation." The big bum? How dare he spend his old age pension in that way.

In New York, George Tucker, a waiter, was fired by his boss because he thought Tucker's desire to write a book might possibly embarrass the customers. That seems to be a novel excuse.

HONK! HONK!

"Will the driver who hit me at 16th and LaSalle Saturday night please call — Personal ad in the Minneapolis Morning Tribune. Probably wishes to thank him and buy his car."

Henry B. Davis, Quincy, Cal., has been ordered to pay the state \$126 he collected as unemployment insurance during his six months stay in jail. Sounds reasonable! Six months hard labor can hardly be called unemployment, even at Lethbridge.

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A.F.A. NOTES

By JAMES R. McFALL, Secretary
International Farmers in Alberta.—
As these notes go to press the Alberta Federation of Agriculture will be entertaining farmers from 18 different countries.

After the I.F.A.P. Annual Meeting at Guelph drew to a close on June 11th many of the delegates boarded the train for the West. They made one-day stops at Port Arthur, Winnipeg and Regina.

The Federation plans for their entertainment while they are in Alberta include a tour of Lethbridge district, a stampede and barbecue at Nanton, and a visit to Banff.

Sir James Turner, President of the I.F.A.P. and H. H. Hannam, one of the Vice-Presidents and President of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture, are with the party, which totals 88 in all.

Royal Commission on Transportation.—The Alberta Federation of Agriculture has in the past added its support to the four Western Governments and the Governments of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island in urging that a Royal Commission be set up to study transportation problems. This Commission has now appointed under the chairmanship of the Hon. W. F. A. Turgeon.

The Commission has held regional hearings in Winnipeg and Regina and met in Calgary on Monday, June 13th.

The Federation presented a brief dealing with Alberta's agriculture in relation to transportation. We did not discuss specific rate questions, but pointed out the necessity for having equitable rates across Canada. We stressed the importance of our export trade, not only to ourselves, but also to the economy of Canada and that of the railways.

The question of rates as they affect the various commodities was dealt with in supporting briefs presented by the Alberta Dairymen's Association, by the livestock interests and by the Alberta Poultry Producers. The Southern Alberta Vegetable Growers, the Southern Alberta Sheep Breeders and the U.F.A. Co-operative also presented their case.

The Commission continues its sittings in Edmonton on June 16th and 17th. Boards of Trade and other interested persons and organizations will be heard at that time.

Russell Johnston Heads Sub-district F.U.A. — Mrs. R. B. Gunn Is Speaker

Highlight of the F.U.A. Convention held in Cereal Community Hall, June 4th, writes H. J. Westphal, secretary, was an address by Mrs. R. B. Gunn at the evening session. Mrs. Gunn, a former President of the U.F.W.A., and now Second Vice-President of the F.W.U.A., dealt chiefly with public health matters. "She has a charming personality," writes Mr. Westphal, "as well as being a gifted public speaker, and her address was enjoyed by all those present."

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IFAP Delegate to Address Agricultural Institute



Francis R. Scott, (above), Vice-President of the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales, and one of the IFAP delegates now touring Canada, will address the opening session of the Agricultural Meeting and Convention of the Agricultural Institute of Canada, being held in Vancouver, June 20th to 24th. His subject will be "Farmers in the International Field" and he will bring to the assembled agricultural scientists from all across Canada a brief review of the proceedings of the IFAP Conference at Guelph.

Mr. Scott farms 165 acres at Rainham, Kent — mainly hops and fruit. He comes from a farming family which moved from Kirkintilloch, Scotland, 90 years ago. He has been associated with the National Farmers' Union of England and Wales for some years, being a delegate since 1944. He was a member of the Kent Agricultural Executive Committee from 1944 to 1948 and a member, for a short time, of the Kent County Council.

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British Record in Steel Production — CORRECTION

British steel production during the first three months of this year was AT THE RATE OF 15,850,000 TONS PER ANNUM. In copies of our last issue first off the press, it appeared that the figure given was the actual total for the three months. The error was corrected in later copies.

The convention was held under the auspices of the old Acadia District Association, and members of that body formed themselves into what will be known as Farmers' Union of Alberta sub-district No. 3, in F.U.A. District No. 11.

Officers Elected

Russell Johnston, Helmsdale, was elected president; Mrs. S. J. Regan, Lanfine, is vice-president, and C. Baird, Cereal, sub-district, director. Directors of the association are:

Jake Frey, Arneson; Joe Quain, Helmsdale; Mrs. Harry Dell, Helmsdale; W. S. Falconer, Big Stone; E. Anderson, Excel; Mrs. W. J. Byler, Oyen; Mrs. F. Roberts, Cereal, and Lorne Proudfoot, Chinook.

Among resolutions passed was one calling on the Federal Government to let contracts immediately on the Red Deer River diversion project and have a start made without further prolonged delay.

Speakers included Mrs. R. Johnston and J. A. Cameron, Directors on the F.U.A. Provisional Board; Jake Frey, President of Acadia U.F.A. Co-operative, and D. H. Smith, manager of the Co-op, coal mine at Drumheller.

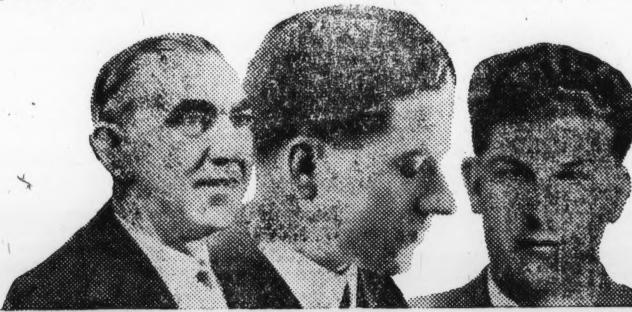
The evening session was under the capable chairmanship of Mrs. O. Michaels. In addition to Mrs. Gunn's address, the program included community singing, piano selections by Miss Patsy Bennett and vocal numbers by the Olsen sisters, Rose and Esther.

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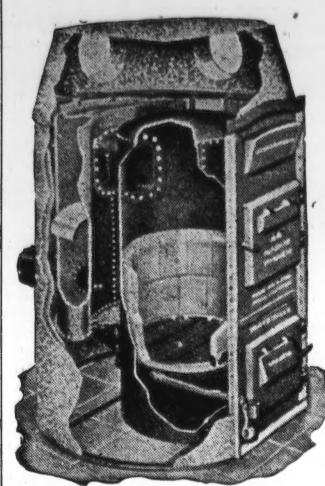
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Action on International Wheat Agreement

First act of the IFAP Conference at Guelph by way of resolution was to endorse the International Wheat Agreement. (The resolution is quoted editorially, page 6). On Monday, June 13th, the U.S. Senate ratified the agreement.

F.U.A. NEWS

(Continued from Page 3)

"The Wheat Pool and U.G.G. agents are co-operating in the drive, and send in membership dues from many points.

"We hear from Mr. Edgar of Red Deer, Mr. Wiper of Harmattan, Mr. Robinson of Big Valley, Mr. Shandro at Willingdon, Mr. Rosichuk of Smoky Lake, Mr. Niehaus of Strome. We hear from Stewartfield, Clairmont, Beaverton, Three Hills, Wostok, Strathmore and many others. In today's mail we hear from Hairy Hill, Sedgewick, Innisfail, Val Soucy, Cherry Grove, Lucky Strike, Innisfree, Cherhill, Raymond, Cadogan, Dalemead, Fabian, Westlock and Calgary. Membership continues to come in from all these points, in spite of the many other functions now taking place throughout the country.

President Reports Good Turn-out

"Mr. Stimpfle, now in the country, reports very good turn-out at meetings. At Ranfurly recently over 100 farmers heard Mr. Stimpfle speak on organizational work and the oil question.

"Following the various district conventions, the permanent board will be called in, when the program will be outlined to go forward with concrete proposals to be presented to the Powers-That-Be. The recent announcement of placing coarse grains in the hands of the Wheat Board has been joyfully received by the farmers in general, feeling that now some form of stabilization of farm prices is on the way."

Mr. Boutilier mentions the Farm Young People's Week, of which a report appears on page 13.

President of Associated Country Women of World Addresses IFAP, Guelph

Mrs. Raymond Sayre, of the United States, who is President of the Associated Country Women of the World, addressed the IFAP Conference at Guelph, and explained that since the organization had been granted consultative status by the Economic and Social Council of UN, "we have moved into the field of international policy making." The organization was formed about twenty years ago with the objective of promoting international understanding and goodwill.

"In this field," added Mrs. Sayre, "we are particularly concerned with two matters: first, improving the lot of the countrywoman—her working conditions, her living conditions, her opportunities for health and education; and secondly, becoming a voice for countrywomen in international affairs, particularly in the matter of speaking for the ways of peace.

"We are convinced that the people of the world do not want war and that we must find peaceful means of settling our differences, that we must work effectively at solving economic and social problems that cause wars in order that we can build a good world for our children and our children's children."

Associated Country Women of the World have affiliations in 25 countries and about 5,500,000 members.

School of Religion in July

At Fairweather Camp, 10 miles west of Calgary, the 25th Anniversary session of the Alberta School of Religion will be held Sunday, July 19th to Tuesday, July 28th. Visiting speakers: Rev. Archie Manson of Ontario; Miss Fahri and others, together with Revs. Arthur Hamilton, Strathmore; Norman F. Priestley, Calgary, and Jack Horricks.

PURPOSE OF IFAP IS SET FORTH BY SIR JAMES TURNER

To Provide All Peoples With Necessities of Life in Adequate Measure

GUELPH, Ont. — The assurance of stability in the post-war expansion of agriculture at national and international levels is essential if conditions of hunger and want are to be removed and the basic requirements of peace firmly established. This was the theme of the opening address by President Sir James Turner at the Third Annual Conference of the International Federation of Agricultural Producers held at the Ontario Agricultural College here. The purpose of IFAP, he said, is to work in close association with FAO and other like organizations for the purpose of providing all peoples with the necessities of life in adequate measure; the economy of agriculture must be lifted to a position of equality with that of other economies; the third principle of IFAP requires a just reward for the farmer and farm worker, the world farm organization president stated. Safeguarding the land must be of primary consideration in food production, he continued.

Dr. G. H. S. Barton, special assistant to the Dominion Minister of Agriculture, addressed the meeting on behalf of the Dominion Department of Agriculture, while Raymond Miller, U.S. Consultant on Co-operatives, presented a statement on behalf of FAO. That organization, Mr. Miller said, stands ready to render whatever service it can and will look to the IFAP for continuing advice, counsel and assistance to the extent of its resources in helping rural people to obtain the objectives for which FAO and IFAP were created.

News of Women's Locals

Mrs. N. D. Lehman, Director, was a guest at a recent meeting of Fairdon Valley F.W.U.A. (Sedgewick), and gave a very instructive talk, reports Mrs. J. R. Hallum. Plans to attend the district convention were made.

Miss Low, district home economist, gave a fascinating talk on "Entertainment, Ways and Means," to a recent meeting of Warner F.W.U.A. Choice of a delegate to Farm Young People's Week was left to the officers, writes Mrs. Gene Doenz, secretary.

Conrich F.W.U.A. (reorganized in February from a U.F.W.A. Local) are collecting clothing and sending it to the Unitarian Service of Canada, writes Mrs. C. Giles, secretary. They have 39 paid up members so far this year.

Saturday, July 2nd, will be observed as the 27th International Co-operative Day.

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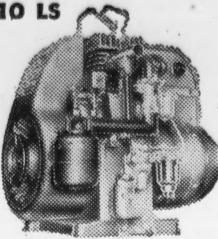
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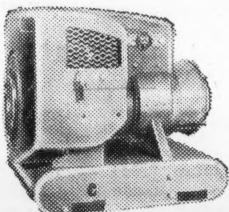
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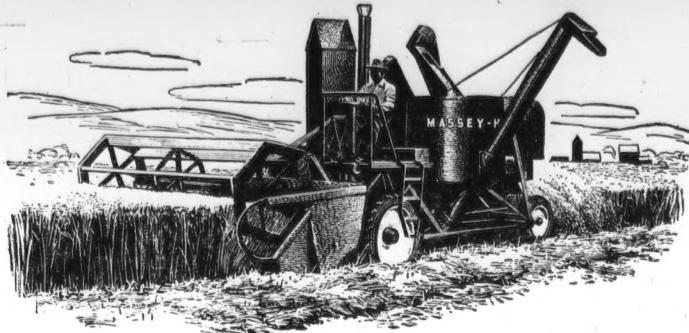
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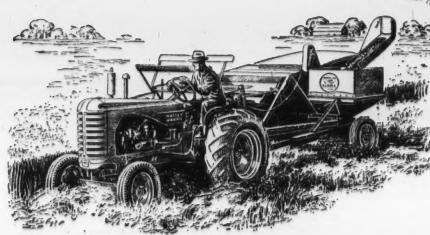
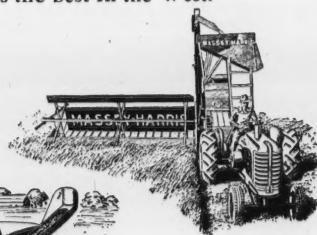
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4. Massey-Harris dealer service is the best in the West.

Massey-Harris No. 15 and No. 17
are one-man tractor-drawn com-
bines. Big capacity at low cost.



The M-H Clipper is the
ideal combine for smaller
acres. Handles heavy
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A Combine for Every Need

From the broad line of Massey-Harris combines you can select a model that exactly suits your needs. Here they are:

- No. 21 self-propelled 14-foot cut (also with 12-foot table).
- No. 26 self-propelled, 12-foot cut (also 8 1/2 or 10-foot cut).
- No. 15 and No. 17, tractor-drawn with p.t.o. or engine drive,
8 and 10-foot cut, respectively.
- Self-propelled Clipper, 7-foot cut.
- Tractor-drawn Clipper with p.t.o. or engine drive, 6-foot cut.

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